

STATE OF OHIO, }
STARK COUNTY, } ss.

John Keim, Secretary of Ashland University Finance Committee, personally appeared before me, and being first duly affirmed, says that the foregoing statement of the assets and liabilities of Ashland University are true and correct as he verily believes.

JOHN KEIM.

Affirmed to by said John Keim before me, and by him subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of April, A. D. 1897.

W. S. EARSEMAN,

Notary Public in and for Stark Co., O.

In order to liquidate the entire indebtedness of Ashland University, our National Conference in 1895 saw fit to make a demand upon the general brotherhood for a sufficient amount of money to cover this shortage and to pay the entire indebtedness of the University. The sum of \$10,500 was apportioned to the various districts as follows:

Ohio,	\$3,000
Indiana,	2,000
Pennsylvania,	2,500
Illiokota,	800
Kanemorado,	700
Michigan,	200
Md., Va., and W. Va.,	1,000
California,	300

The following districts have agreed between themselves at their District Conference to pay their apportionments as follows:

Ohio,	\$3,000
Pennsylvania,	2,500
Indiana,	2,000
Illiokota,	800
Kanemorado,	700
Md., Va., and W. Va.,	500
California,	300
Aggregating,	\$9,800

Michigan has agreed to do what she can only. These various districts apportioned their sums that they agreed to pay to their respective congregations, some of which promptly manifested their loyalty to the State and National Conference and sent their money to the Finance Committee, while the major portion of these apportionments remained in a dormant condition until the National Conference of 1896. The resolutions adopted in 1895 on behalf of the institution were reaffirmed, and some of the districts were furnished by the Finance Committee with efficient solicitors to assist them in persuading their congregations to comply with the promises made to National Conference. Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania, expressing their need of assistance in

way of solicitors, were thoroughly canvassed, and according to the reports of our solicitors, each congregation in the State of Ohio, except Dry Creek congregation, agreed to raise their apportionment; Indiana State district without an exception. Only the charges of Rev. Knepper and Rev. Koontz in the State of Pennsylvania have fully expressed their disloyalty to their State district and to National Conference.

Other means have been provided for to cover these deficiencies. The Finance Committee on the first of January demanded the payment of these apportionments to be paid directly or indirectly to the Finance Committee, about one-fourth of which has been received. The balance still remains in the hands of the various districts and their congregations, fearing that the Finance Committee may misappropriate these apportionment funds, or make use of the same without cancelling the entire indebtedness of the University. The Finance Committee has repeatedly stated that if the entire indebtedness can not be adjusted, that these apportionments will again be returned to the givers and the property foreclosed under the mortgages. This has satisfied some of the less suspicious congregations, who are forwarding their apportionments, while others are still withholding their funds and rendering the Finance Committee helpless in a settlement with the creditors. On behalf of the Finance Committee, I do hereby make the following proposition, that such send their money to some financially responsible man in each district, and that these representative men meet with the Finance Committee and the creditors on the 4th day of May, at the College buildings, Ashland, Ohio, fully prepared with their respective sums yet unpaid to the Finance Committee, and there and then make settlement in full of the indebtedness of the institution, and we do hereby request that immediately after the publication of this notice that immediate action be taken in the matter by the committees of the various districts, and that they be fully prepared in due time to attend this meeting.

In conclusion the Finance Committee desires to say in answer to an inquiry by brother Daniel Crofford, of Johnstown, Pa., in EVANGELIST No. 12, who wishes to know what the Finance Committee intends to do with the property when the debt is removed, or if disposed of for more than \$10,000, what will be done with the balance. The object of this Finance Committee was for the purpose of liquidating the debt of Ashland University, and when this is done, the work of the Finance Committee of Ashland University

ceases. The title of the same will go into the names of the Board of Trustees in trust for the Brethren church. If the settlement with the creditors is not made and the property sold for more than the indebtedness, including the resources now on hand, such residue of funds belong to the liberal contributors to Ashland University.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the undersigned will say that they propose to conduct a school in the interest of the Brethren church, with the Theological department supported by the Sisters' Society, and other departments within the bounds of its income, and to open up the same in the beginning of the school year next September.

Yours fraternally,

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY FINANCE COM.
JOHN KEIM, Secretary.

Poetry.

RESURRECTION MEDITATIONS.

C. F. SHAVER.

When Jesus Christ rose from the tomb
Salvation for us he made sure;
The grave deprived of its dark gloom,
If we our hearts fore'er keep pure.

This bursting of the bonds of death
Proved him the very Christ to be;
Back to the sleeping Form gave breath
Oh! what a blessed victory.

Great God! help us to realize
How quickly on the moments glide;
That we must meet Thee in the skies,
Then with us, we pray Thee, abide.

We're swiftly marching to the place
Where each of us must surely lie;
O blessed Christ! grant us thy grace,
That we may rise with Thee on high.

When time on earth shall be no more
And Thou shalt bid the dead arise;
When Gabriel sounds from shore to shore,
May we rise with Thee through the skies.
Richmond, Va.

Contributions.

EASTER THOUGHTS.

C. F. YODER.

"Come see the place where the Lord lay."—
Matthew 28:6.

I thought I stood in the mellow dawn
Of the first glad Easter day and watched
The rosy lips of the morning as they
Touched the clouds into blushes and smiles
As if the new earth which is to be were
Just coming down from the hand of God.
The terror of the preceding days was
Over. Only the chasms told of the earthquake
Shock. Only the feeling of awe lingered
To tell of the mantle of darkness that
Had been hung over the cross to hide
The sight from the angels. The body of